

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended.

Claims 1-6 are pending.

The amendments to claims 1 and 6 do not add new matter.

II Telephone Conference

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Harmon for all of the courtesies extended in the telephone interview held on June 3, 2003 with Louis DelJuidice. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for discussing the claims and the Examiner's indication that the proposed amendments should distinguish over the prior art of record.

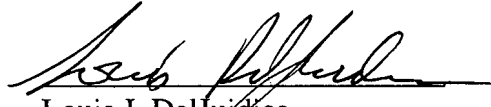
III Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,392,338 to Fox. The Examiner states that Fox discloses all of the claimed features of the present invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that Fox does not disclose every feature of the claimed invention. Claims 1 and 6 now recite "applying adhesive to a portion of each blank of a plurality of folded, flat, unitary blanks of foldable sheet material" and the applying step occurs prior to placing the blanks in a stack. Fox does not apply adhesive to his blanks prior to placing his blanks in a stack. First, Fox's "blanks are held in a stack at a station A and are fed singly on to a horizontal blank conveyor 101 which is movable in steps past subsequent stations." Fox,

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved by either a Supplemental Response or a Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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